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Commissioners:

I have been an amateur operator since 1963 and hold an extra class license. I want the requirements for knowledge of the international Morse code *kept* in the Amateur Service rules. There remains ample reason to require Morse code in the Amateur Service.

I agree with the reasoning in the paper¹ by Andrew Ross, ZS1AN, which I am including with this submission, rather than trying to restate it all myself. Please consider his arguments which apply as well to our country as they do to his.

There are only a limited number of disabilities that would prevent one from mastering the code, and these could be excused with a doctor's excuse in a sort of conditional license, rather than chuck it all out wholesale.

Sincerely,
Earl S. Gosnell III

¹ www.qsl.net/zs1an/morse.htm